

Seattle Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 2012, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
City Hall - Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Jessica Andrade, Katherine Beckett, Isabel Bussarakum, Nika Dahlbacka, Alejandra Gonza, Michael Mitchell, Catherine Moore, Greg Ramirez, Christopher Stearns, Jennifer Yogi

Commissioners Absent: David Lujano, Marsha Mavunkel, Andrea Negrete Marty Penner, Christina Ygonia

SOCR Staff Present: Michael Chin, Felicia Yearwood

Guests: Jung Lee, Merri Ann Osborne, Candace Inagi

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: October 2012 minutes were approved as read

Candace Inagi:

- Mayor appreciated letter on Monitor selection and comments on Career Bridge
- Mayor's proposed budget will support 450 additional youth, late night hours at community centers, and ethnic cultural center improvement
- Candace distributed the Mayor's latest blog post. Mayor's Office has stakeholder group including business and social service community to find a way to address concerns about downtown safety issues

Human Rights Commission History

Jung Lee

- Jung reviewed key points in 35 page report. The highlights included WMBE program creation and ongoing police accountability issues

SOCR Report

Mike Chin

- Two reasonable cause cases: hair cut price differentials, service animals in shelter
- Potential for audit of SOCR regarding neutrality
- GRE Conference: December 13 and 14, 2012
- No formal PSST complaints as of yet

Executive Committee Report

- Chris Stearns will serve on a panel with tribal government

Action Items

MOTION: To contribute \$150 to the Rights Working Group Reception. **ACTION: PASSED**

MOTION: To ratify Executive Committee decision reconciling a final version of the Human Rights City Resolution. **ACTION: PASSED**

MOTION: To formally express opposition to a full audit of SOCR. **ACTION: PASSED**

MOTION: To ratify the Executive Committee action submitting a letter sent to the Mayor regarding the Consent Decree Monitor. **ACTION: PASSED**

MOTION: To submit to City Council a follow-up letter requesting that the Council not delay funding for the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and improvements to community centers pending the proposed audit. **ACTION: PASSED**

Announcements: Five Commission Meeting 11/14/12, 5:30-7:00 p.m., SOCR
Human Rights Day, 12/13/12, 6:00-8:00 p.m., City Hall